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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on August 24, 1999, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

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~~1. (AMENDED) A diverter valve assembly for use in liquid chromatography comprising:
a unitarily formed valve body;
a plurality of ports in said valve body, at least one of said ports functioning as an inlet port for allowing liquid to enter into said valve body, at least one other of said ports functioning as an outlet port for allowing said liquid to exit said valve body, and at least two other ports which may function as either inlet or outlet ports with respect to said liquid after said liquid has entered said valve body;~~